



Get Your Growl On!

Kalamazoo Public Library is a proud sponsor of the Kalamazoo Growlers 2015 season. KPL will have a table at the June 2 & 14 and July 5 & 17 games. We also are honored to introduce Family Place™ Zone! Our popular Family Place program is now available to the littlest Growlers fans and their caregivers! Bring your infant to 3-year-olds to the Family Place Zone and learn what is happening in their developing brains while they play with a variety of stimulating toys. On select dates, KPL staff will also be offering storytime during the game. Storytimes will be announced at the beginning of the game. More information can be found at kpl.gov/growlers.

Fresh Bookworms at the Farmers' Market

KPL staff will be at the Kalamazoo Farmers' Market (1204 Bank Street) on Saturdays in June. Stop by our table, sign up for Summer Reading Challenge and find out what's new at KPL!

The Hub Card

Great news for those who are not a resident library card holder, but would like access to Kalamazoo Public Library's digital lab, The Hub. Details on page 3.

Michigan Activity Pass

Discover Michigan – using your library card. Details on page 3.

Read Like A HERO

It was a bright, sunny day in Kalamazoo. Everyone was enjoying the start of summer. All of the sudden, a huge, green monster stormed through downtown, heading to the Kalamazoo Public Library. He came to eat every single book he can find. Only you can stop him!

Read Like a Hero and sign up for Summer Reading Challenge on June 1 at any Kalamazoo Public Library location. Are you up to the "Challenge"? Details on page 4.

Join us for the Summer Reading Challenge kick-off party on Saturday, June 6, after the parade until 2 pm. KPL will be offering games, inflatables, special guests and more!

June Jubilee

Summer Kick-off at downtown Kalamazoo

2015
Summer READING Challenge



BAG-OF-BOOKS SALE

Saturday, June 6, 2015

More details on
the back page.

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PATRON SAVVY

Did you know?

If you are a resident cardholder, you can download digital editions of your favorite magazines to your computer or portable device. Go to the Download tab at kpl.gov and look for Zinio.

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You can also check out an iPad at the reference desk of the Central Library to read digital editions of the *Kalamazoo Gazette* and Zinio magazines. For in-library use only.

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With the library's catalog, you have the ability to create personalized lists of books you want to read in the future. Ask a librarian for assistance.

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Three study rooms are available in the lower level of the Central Library for study groups, small group meetings, and/or tutoring. Call 553-7802 to reserve a study room.

BOOKS

Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays, June 23, July 21, August 25, 6 pm, POW

Come and discuss great reads of urban fiction. Be sure to visit the Powell Branch to pick up a book. June: *The Day the Streets Stood Still* by JaQuavis, July: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, August: *What's Real* by Daaimah S. Poole.



HISTORY & GENEALOGY

Exploring "The Devil in the White City"

Mon, June 1, 7 pm, CEN

Tom Buettner returns with a sequel to his popular program, "Michigan at the Exposition: The 1893 World's Fair." Learn more about the Fair and the events that inspired the Erik Larson book *"The Devil in the White City."*

LEGAL

Ask a Lawyer

Tues, June 2, 6 pm, POW
Fri, June 12, 11:30 am, CEN
Wed, July 8, 6-8 pm, CEN
Fri, July 10, 11:30 am, CEN
Fri, Aug. 14, 11:30 am, CEN

Free legal clinics for persons of low-to-moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law. For a free 20-minute appointment, call Central Library, 553-7920. You may make only one appointment per four months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.



HEALTHY LIVING

Healthy Hustle with Keneisha Morgan-Darden and DJ Chuck

Tues, June 9, 6 pm, POW

The Healthy Hustle is a unique experience featuring a healthy food demo by Chef Keneisha Morgan-Darden, author of *Cooking n' Heelz*, topped off with special guest DJ Chuck. She will instruct you how to cook and he will teach you the latest dance moves. A fun-filled night! Come in your hustle shoes!

MUSIC

In the Tradition of Jazz Performance

Tues, August 4, 6 pm, EAS

In the Tradition began in 1993 and has been playing all over the midwest. At its inception the band performed regularly all over Detroit and was recognized as a formidable hard-swinging, bebop ensemble that was faithful to tradition. They have played at the Detroit International Jazz Festival, Grand Rapids Jazz Festival, and backed the musical tribute to Motown, "The Spirit of Hitsville."

 <http://inthetraditionjazz.net>

TECHNOLOGY

TECHBar

Tuesdays, June 2, July 7, 6 pm, EAS
June 16, August 11, 6 pm, POW
July 14, August 25, 1 pm, OSH
July 21, August 4, 1 pm, WSQ

Need help understanding your tablet, smartphone, or laptop? Having trouble trying to use social media or word processing programs? Do you want to learn how to use KPL's eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming video, digital magazines, or downloadable music services? Visit the library and talk to our knowledgeable staff about these tech-related issues and more. KPL wants to help you get the most out of your technology!

& MORE

Waldorf Theatre Company Presents *Twelfth Night*

Mon, June 1, 6:30 pm, OSH

The Waldorf Theatre Company, a professional touring company sponsored by the Waldorf College Theatre Department in Forest City, Iowa, proudly presents a 45-minute version of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. Waldorf College, one of three Shakespeare Studies programs in the nation, prides itself on "original practices" from Shakespeare's time. Weather permitting, the performance will be held outside, so bring your lawn chair!

Art Hop

Fri, June 5, 6-8 pm, CEN

Eric Hennig is a photographer who specializes in antique process tintype and ambrotype photographs, using the same process used during the middle 1800s. He will have pieces for sale at the event.



Board Game Night with Kalamazoo Area Boardgamers

Tuesdays, June 16, 5:30-7:30 pm, EAS

July 21, 5:30-7:30 pm, OSH

July 28, 5:30-7:30 pm, WSQ

Drop in and play a variety of board games with the gamers from Kalamazoo Area Boardgamers (KAB). Don't know the rules? No problem, let the experts from KAB teach you, not only how to play, but also the best strategies for winning! Bring a favorite strategy, European-style, or party game, or play what is provided. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow board gamers.

CEN (Central Library) **553-7800**

EAS (Eastwood) **553-7810**

OSH (Oshtemo) **553-7980**

POW (Alma Powell) **553-7960**

WSQ (Washington Square) ... **553-7970**

Movies Under the Stars

Thursdays, Oshtemo Township Park

June 18, *Surf's Up*, 9 pm

July 16, *Rear Window*, 9 pm

August 20, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, 8 pm

Join us for our fourth year of outdoor movies at Oshtemo Township Park! Bring a blanket or lawn chair, bug spray, and a flash light. Cosponsored by Oshtemo Friends of the Parks and Alamo Draughthouse Cinema. Weather permitting.

Tintype Photography with Eric Hennig

Tues, June 30, 5:30 pm, WSQ

Learn about this unique, old-fashioned style of photography from local photographer Eric Hennig. Witness a demonstration of the process as well as a scientific description behind the art of tintype photography. A few lucky participants will have their tintype photo shot by Eric!

Kalamazoo Drones

Tues, July 28, 6:30 pm, OSH

It's a bird, it's a plane, no, it's a drone! Come learn all about drones with Kalamazoo Drones – where drones come from, personal use, costs, what to buy/not buy, parts of a drone and how they work. Watch the demonstration fly over the Oshtemo Library! Several drones will be available to observe and a simulator to try it out yourself! All ages, best enjoyed by interested tweens, teens, and adults.

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

 Hearing Loop Technology available at CEN in the Van Deusen and Board Room.

Michigan Activity Pass (MAP)



Presented by The Library Network

Discover Michigan using your Library Card

Check out a pass for one of Michigan's cultural attractions or state parks and recreation areas! For more information, and to see a list of participants visit:


<http://www.michiganactivitypass.info> or ask your KPL librarian about MAP.

The Hub Card

Great news for those who are not resident library card holders, but would like access to Kalamazoo Public Library's digital lab, The Hub. For only \$10 a month, anyone who is not a KPL resident area borrower may purchase a card that will provide access to all The Hub has to offer! For details, visit **kpl.gov/hubcard**.



Hearing Loop installed at CEN

 Thanks to a grant from the Jim Gilmore, Jr. Foundation, Central Library has installed Hearing Loop Technology in the Van Deusen Room and the Board Room. A hearing loop is a wire that circles a room and is connected to a sound system. The loop transmits the sound electromagnetically. The electromagnetic signal is then picked up by the telecoil in the hearing aid or cochlear implant. This new Loop Technology will enable our hearing impaired guests to enjoy more programming at Central.

2015 Summer **READING** Challenge



Read Like a
HERO

JUNE 1 – AUGUST 28, 2015

Are you up to the challenge?
Sign up beginning June 1 or
at the June Jubilee party on
Saturday, June 6 in Central's
Rose/Lovell Street parking lot.



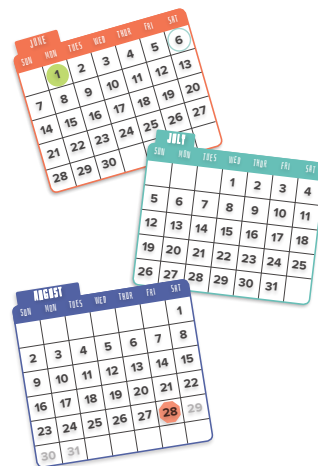
All Summer Reading
Challenges are
sponsored by



ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

It's simple! Read or listen to books for at least 20 minutes per day. Check off each day on your gameboard that you read 20 minutes. When you read 20 minutes a day for a total of 15 days, bring your gameboard to the library for a reward.

► **Note:** The 15 days do not need to be consecutive. You qualify for a reward as soon as the number of days you read equal 15.



READING REWARDS

Readers of all ages can win **bonus prizes** by completing tasks on their bonus list. These age-appropriate challenges make this year's **Summer Reading Challenge** the most fun yet!

CLAIMING YOUR REWARD

When it's time to claim a reward, simply bring your gameboard to any KPL location to report your progress. If you misplace your gameboard, don't worry, you may receive a replacement from the library.



You may choose from an
assortment of books.

REWARDS*

	15 DAYS	30 DAYS	45 DAYS	60 DAYS
PRESCHOOL	Book	Book	Book	SRC t-shirt
KID	Book	Book	Book	SRC t-shirt
TWEEN & TEEN	Book	Book	Book	KPL earbuds
ADULT	Raffle chance to win a Friends Bookstore gift certificate Drawing: July 1	Raffle chance to win a Friends Bookstore gift certificate Drawing: Aug 1	Raffle chance to win a Friends Bookstore gift certificate Drawing: Aug 28	KPL book bag



*all prizes available while supplies last



DEADLINE

Please report all game play at least 15 minutes before the library closes. All rewards must be **redeemed no later than Friday, August 28**. No exceptions.

For more information about how to sign up for Summer Reading Challenge, please visit <http://www.kpl.gov/summer>



Tween & Teen events

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The Beauty of Spoken Word, Tweens/Teens & Adults

Wed, August 12, 6:30 pm, CEN



Featuring Fable the Poet & Friends

Marcel "Fable the Poet" Price will host a showcase of spoken word poets from around Michigan. Marcel is the host of two weekly shows in Kalamazoo, uniting the Michigan performing arts scene as a teacher and touring spoken word artist. Artists Siarra Freeman and Natasha T. Miller will round out the cast for this amazing showcase. Check out the preview at www.kpl.gov/word.

M Draw Manga with Mark Crilley, Gr 1-4 & Gr 5-12

Sat, June 13, OSH

Session 1: 11:30 am, Gr 1-4

Session 2: 1 pm, Gr 5-12

Meet Mark Crilley, author of *Brody's Ghost*, *Miki Falls*, *Akiko*, and the *Mastering Manga* drawing series. Mark will provide a hands-on drawing event. Featuring anime, manga, comics and fun. Books for sale and signing from Bookbug during the event.

J-Pop Club, Gr 7-12

Mondays, June 15, July 20, & August 17, 3:30 pm, CEN

Enjoy Japanese Anime, manga, Pocky, and food. Drop in any time during the event!

Game Central, Gr 5-12

Wed, June 17 & Thurs, August 27, 2 pm, CEN

From the newest favorites to old classics, it's an afternoon of strategy, skill, and fun. Choose from one of our many board, card, or video games, or bring one of your own!

Growlers Skills Clinic, Ages 8 & Up

Thursdays, June 18, 12 pm, POW
June 25, 12 pm, WSQ

Join the players from the Kalamazoo Growlers for a baseball skills clinic. Batter up! All skill levels welcome. Outdoor event!

Flying Aces, All Ages

Fri, June 19, 11 am, OSH

Athletic, informational, and humorous fun with Frisbees! The Flying Aces will delight all with Frisbee history, technique, and an audience participation contest.

Meet Kevin Coval

Tweens/Teens & Adult

Mon, June 22, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

Kevin Coval is the author of numerous poetry collections and chapbooks, including the American Library Association Book-of-the-Year finalist *Slingshots: A Hip-Hop Poetica* and most recently, *L-vis Lives! Racemusic Poems*, described as a "stunning, and very personal, piece of literary work that should be required reading in every high school in America" by *Impose* magazine.

In his early twenties, Coval founded "Louder Than a Bomb: The Chicago Youth Poetry Festival," now one of the largest youth gatherings on the planet and the subject of an award-winning documentary. Coval currently serves as Artistic Director of Young Chicago Authors, the non-profit home of Louder Than a Bomb, and numerous other youth writing and hip hop programs. He is a native of Chicago, teaches at the School of the Art Institute, and is a frequent contributor to WBEZ: Chicago Public Radio.

Kevin's visit to KPL will include a poetry workshop and performance.

M Maker Monday, Gr 5-12

Mondays, June 29 – August 24, 1 pm, CEN Teen Area

Tinker, make, try, create, and explore at the library. Each week will feature different ideas and materials. Focus on the process (not the product) and learn that all of us are makers!



Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)

Coming soon! A new opportunity for volunteering and leadership at your public library! We're working on a new, revamped Teen Advisory Board for fall. Look for more information in the Fall [LINK!](#)

Calling all Minecrafters!

Minecraft @KPL, Gr 5-12
Teen Area, CEN

Join the newest block-bashing, creeper-killing, world-building game at KPL. Play on our custom library server and see what you can build!

M Code Camp @ KPL, Gr 6-12

Wed, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 11:30-12:30, CEN

Programming, scripting, coding, and learning how to solve problems are some of the most essential skills of the digital age. Let's bring these skills to your fingertips this summer by writing code using KPL's Chromebooks! Together we will work to demystify coding with fun, youth-centric, innovative, and quick lessons that bring the power to code to all of us. All materials provided.

M EepyBird's Coke and Mentos Spectacular, All Ages

Fri, July 24, 1 pm, WSQ

Fritz Grobe & Stephen Voltz are the mad scientists behind EepyBird and the authors of *How to Build a Hovercraft*. Best known as "the Coke and Mentos guys," their viral videos have been seen over 150 million times. They found initial fame via Maker Faire and YouTube and are bringing their DIY science project to Kalamazoo! This show is guaranteed to inspire a love of experimentation. Rain or shine outdoor event!



Zumba for Teens, Ages 13 & Up **Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29,** **7:30 pm, CEN**

Get your Zumba on. Taught by instructors from Amy Baker's ZuCrew. Bring a friend!

M Draw Cool Stuff with Paul Sizer, Gr 5-12

Tues, July 7, 2 pm, EAS

Comic creator Paul Sizer will show you how to draw monsters, robots, super-heroes and whatever else you need to draw, live, right in front of you! Come ready to ask questions and draw along.

Ga-Ga, All Ages

Wed, July 8, 1-3 pm, POW

Thurs, July 9, 1-3 pm, WSQ

Ga-ga (meaning "touch-touch" in Hebrew) is a variation of dodgeball that is played with one ball. Learn the rules and see if you can be the last one in the Ga-Ga pit! Drop-ins welcome. No experience necessary.

R Martial Arts, Ages 8 & Up

Mon, July 13, 2 pm, POW

Learn self-defense techniques with Charles Parker, 3rd degree Judo instructor. Registration required, space is limited.

Going Medieval, Ages 10 & Up

Tues, July 14, 2 pm, EAS

Join WMU's Medieval Institute for the Lingo of the Logo: Family Crests of the Middle Ages. Discover this silent language, including sigils and seals from *Game of Thrones*. Design a crest for your own family.

M R Chef Camp with Chef K, Ages 10 & Up

Thurs, July 16, 2 pm, EAS

Wed, August 5, 2 pm, POW

Join local author and chef Keneisha Morgan-Darden and learn that cooking is an art. Participants will prepare, identify, cook, challenge, and consume with Chef K! All materials provided. Registration required.

M Kalamazoo Drones, All Ages

Tues, July 28, 6:30 pm, OSH

It's a DRONE! Learn about drones with Kalamazoo Drones – where drones come from, personal use, costs, what to buy/not buy, parts of a drone, how they work, etc. Watch a drone demonstration fly over the Oshtemo Library! Several drones will be available to observe and a simulator to try yourself!

M Tie Dye, Gr 5-12

Tues, August 4, 2 pm, POW

Wed, August 5, 2 pm, WSQ

Thurs, August 6, 2 pm, EAS

Fri, August 7, 2 pm, OSH

From shirts to socks. Choose a project and create! We supply the materials, you supply the creativity.

Zoo City Hoop Dance, Gr 5-12

Tues, August 11, 2 pm, EAS

Wed, August 12, 2 pm, POW

Thur, August 13, 2 pm, OSH

Hoop Dance is great way to discover what one is capable of. During this workshop teens will learn a variety of fun movements and tricks with hula hoops, enhance body awareness while exploring the connection between the mind, body and breath! Hoops will be provided for use during the workshop by Hoop Dance Instructor Shani Blueford.

Disc Golf, Gr 5-12

Wed, August 19, 2 pm, OSH

Fri, August 21, 2 pm, WSQ

Learn to play disc golf with professional player and course designer Larry LaBond. No experience necessary! Outdoor event, weather permitting.

Michael Jackson: The Experience, Gr 5-12

Mon, August 24, 2 pm, EAS

Play the Wii and win prizes. Dance like you've never danced before to your favorite Michael Jackson hits.

**Summer Fun
at KPL!**

M Maker Program

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.

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Get Your Jam On!

Don't miss these awesome kids' concerts this summer! Details on page 8-9.

■ Eric Litwin Concert

Thurs, June 11, 6 pm & 7 pm, CEN

■ Small Sounds Concerts

Tues, June 23, 6:30 pm, CEN

Sat, July 25, 11 am, CEN

■ Jim Gill Concert

Thurs, July 9, 6:30 pm

Oshtemo Township Park

R Little Scientists, Ages 3-6

Mondays, June 1, 15, 29, 10:30 am, OSH

June 8, 22, July 6, 10:30 am, CEN

Explore science with us, through stories, songs, and experiments. Learn and play along with your preschoolers.

Two locations this summer! Full topic schedule available at library service desks and posted at www.kpl.gov. For 3-6 year-olds with caregiver.

R Miss Lisa: Stories and Dance, Ages 3-8

Mon, June 1, 2 pm, CEN

Mon, June 15, 6:30 pm, CEN

Thurs, June 18, 10:30 am, WSQ

Wed, July 8, 10:30 am, POW

Mon, July 13, 2 pm, OSH

Thurs, August 6, 10:30 am, EAS

Movement and stories for kids!

Wear comfortable clothing.

Registration required.

M Maker Program

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

M LEGO at the Library, Family

Tues, June 2, 4:30 pm, EAS

Saturdays, June 6, August 1, 10:30 am, OSH

Wednesdays, June 17, July 29, August 19, 2 pm, POW

Saturdays, June 20, July 18, August 15, 10:30 am, CEN

Tuesdays, June 23, July 21, August 25, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Thurs, July 9, 2 pm, EAS

Thurs, August 13, 2 pm, EAS

Lego play time for kids and families.

Duplo to Expert builders welcome.

Toddler Talk, Ages 1-3

Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24 10:15 am, OSH

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:15 am, OSH

August 5, 12, 19, 26 10:15 am, OSH

Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of parenting 1- to 3-year-olds with parent educator/facilitator.

Baby Talk, Up to age 1 year

Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24, 1:30 pm, OSH

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 1:30 pm, OSH

August 5, 12, 19, 26, 1:30 pm, OSH

Talk about care of babies with other parents. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

First Saturday at KPL

Saturday, June 6

After the parade until 2 pm, CEN

Saturday, July 11, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of every month! Enjoy stories, activities, guests, and door prizes! In June, we'll celebrate the beginning of Summer Reading with a party in the parking lot. In July, we'll host activities and fun with Freedom School.



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Fairy Series

R Plant the Oshtemo Fairy Garden, Ages 6-11

Mon, June 15, 4:30-6 pm, OSH

Help plant the Oshtemo Rainbow garden, sunflower garden, and fairy garden. Small plant to take home. Materials provided. Space limited. Registration required.

M R Build a Fairy House Ages 6-11

Tues, June 16, 4:30 & 5:30 pm, OSH

Help us build some fairy houses for the Oshtemo Library Fairy Garden. Build one for yourself to take home. Materials provided but please gather some to share with others. Pine cones, acorns, bark, and other elements are perfect for embellishing your house. Space limited. Registration required.

Tales on the Trails, All Ages

Fridays, June 12, July 17, August 7, 10:30 am, POW

Take a walk along the Kal-Haven Trail and listen to stories along the way.

M Drawing with Mark Crilley

Sat, June 13, OSH

Session 1: 11:30 am, Gr 1-4

Session 2: 1 pm, Gr 5-12

Meet Mark Crilley, author of *Brody's Ghost*, *Miki Falls*, *Akiko* and the *Mastering Manga* drawing series. Mark will provide a hands on drawing event. Featuring anime, manga, comics and fun. Books for sale and signing from Bookbug during the event. Two sessions available.

T Zoo-per Heroes with Binder Park Zoomobile, All Ages

Tues, June 16, 2 pm, EAS

Thurs, August 13, 10:30 & 11:30 am, WSQ

See animals up close and personal with our friends from Binder Park Zoo! Space limited. FREE ticket required.

Impression 5 Museum, Ages 6-11

Thurs, June 18, 3:30-5:30 pm, CEN

Drop in for Rube Goldberg Machine fun with the Science Studio from Impression 5 Museum.

Vehicle Days, Family

Fri, June 19, 11 am – 1 pm, POW

Thurs, July 16, 11 am-1 pm, WSQ

Thurs, July 30, 11 am – 1 pm, EAS

Wed, August 12, 11 am-1 pm, OSH

Have fun with large vehicles! Weather permitting.

T Bubbleman, Family

Mon, June 22, 2 & 3 pm, WSQ

Tues, August 11, 5:30 & 6:30 pm, CEN

Ron Loyd, the Bubbleman, returns to delight and amaze us with bubble tricks and demonstrations! Space limited. FREE ticket required.

Soil Science for Kids

Ages 6-11

Mon, June 22, 2 pm, POW

Get down and dirty with some fun in the soil. Learn about composting and make something to take home.

T Chemical Kim, Family

Tues, June 23, 2 pm, EAS

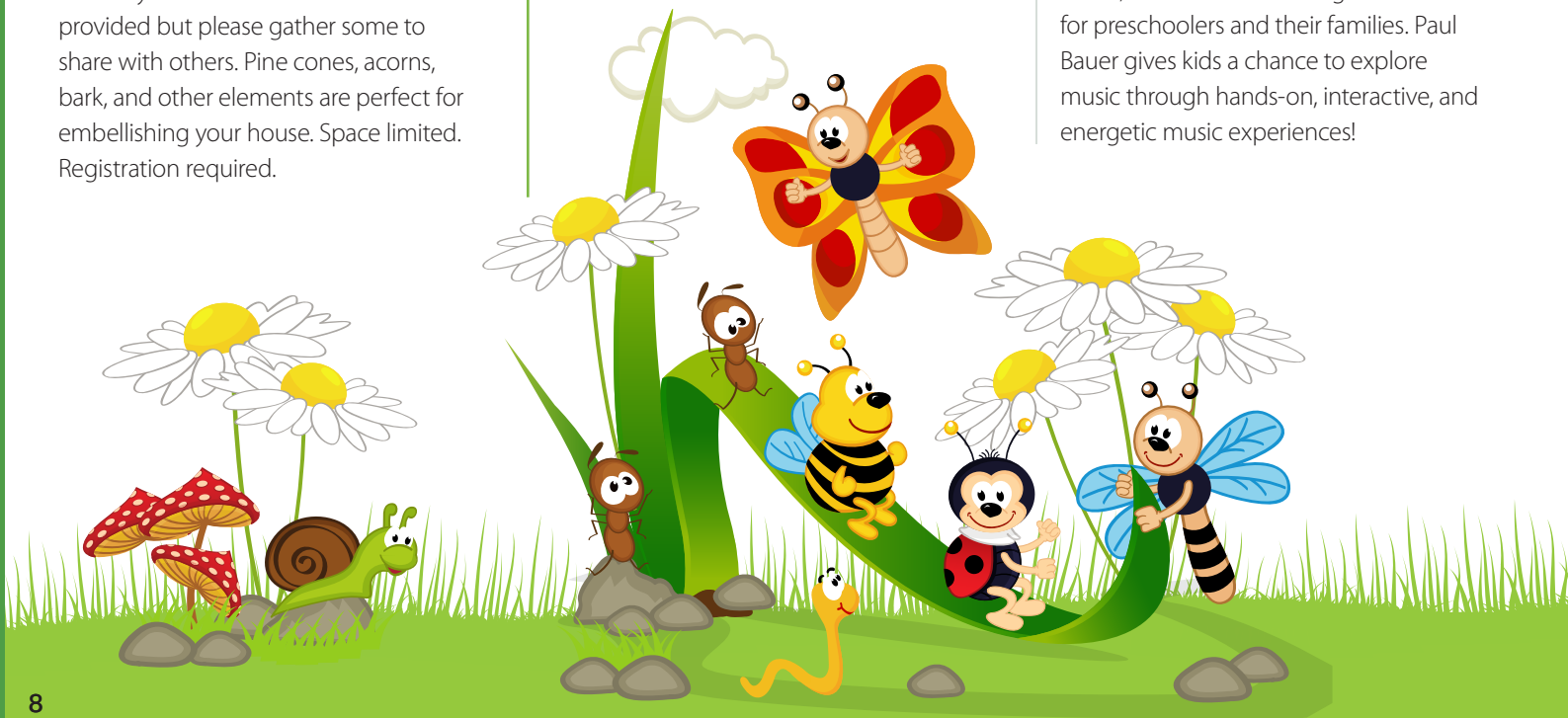
"Chemical Kim" Declercq presents a super science show for kids! Space limited. FREE ticket required.

Small Sounds Concerts, Family

Tues, June 23, 6:30 pm, CEN

Sat, July 25, 11 am, CEN

Music, movement and imaginative fun for preschoolers and their families. Paul Bauer gives kids a chance to explore music through hands-on, interactive, and energetic music experiences!



Lightning, Thunder, and Rain...oh My! Ages 6-11

Thurs, June 25, 2 pm, EAS

Tues, July 28, 2 pm, WSQ

Take the myth and mystery out of weather with some science and safety fun.

Bookworms

Thursdays, June 25, July 23, August 27, 4:30 pm, CEN

A book club for kids and their grownups. In June, we'll read *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. In July, we'll read *Fables* by Arnold Lobel.

Bookworms Diorams

In August, create a diorama showing off a book you love. Work together as a family or make one on your own. Maybe your favorite is one we read together or another. We'll show and tell about our dioramas at the August Bookworms meeting and we'll have them on display in Children's Room through September 4.

Superhero Party, Family

Sat, June 27, 10 am - noon, CEN

Wed, July 1, 2-4 pm, POW

Tues, July 14, 3-5 pm, WSQ

Thurs, July 23, 2-4 pm, EAS

Mon, August 10, 1-3 pm, OSH

Drop in at our superhero party where you can train to be a superhero, make a cape and mask, and enjoy some superhero stories! Dress up if you wish! Bring your cameras for a photo op!

M Maker Program

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

M Maker Mondays, Ages 6-11

Mondays June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 1-2 pm, CEN

Drop in for tinkering, making, creating, and exploration at the library. Each week will feature different ideas and materials. Focus on the process, not the product. Discover that we are all makers! Full topic schedule will be available at the library public service desks or at www.kpl.gov.

T A2 Magic with Jeff Wawrzaszek, Family

Tues, June 30, 4 pm, OSH

Tues, June 30, 6:30 pm, CEN

Two opportunities to see this fantastic magic show with Jeff Wawrzaszek from A2 Magic. Space limited. Pick up FREE ticket at show location.

R Read with Bailey

Wed, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,

August 5, 3:30-5 pm, CEN

Enjoy a "pawsitive" reading experience. Read to Bailey, the loveable Schnoodle dog. Registration required. Call location to register.

R Beach Party, Ages 6-11

Wed, July 8, 2 pm, WSQ

Mon, July 20, 2 pm, POW

Surf's up! It's the perfect time to celebrate summer by heading to the beach through stories, games and music all related to the cool beach and hot sand! Registration required.

T Eric Litwin Concert, Family

Thurs, June 11, 6 pm & 7 pm, CEN

New York Times best-selling author of the first four *Pete the Cat* books, Eric Litwin, will be visiting Kalamazoo for a family show! Space limited. FREE ticket required. Tickets available starting June 4 at the Children's Room desk, Central Library.



M Code Camp @ KPL

Wed, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, CEN

10 -11 am Kids and 11:30 am-12:30 pm Tween/Teen

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M Draw Cool Stuff, Gr 1-5

Tues, July 7, 6:30 pm, CEN

Comic creator Paul Sizer will show you how to draw monsters, robots, superheroes, and whatever else you need to draw, live, right in front of you! Come ready to ask questions and draw along.

Jim Gill Concert, Family

Thurs, July 9, 6:30 pm, Oshtemo Township Park

The ultimate family performer, Jim Gill, returns to Kalamazoo for an outdoor, evening performance. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and even a picnic. Be ready to move, laugh, and play together! Don't miss this special event! Rain location: Oshtemo Library.



CEN (Central Library) 553-7800

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Get Bitten... with the Acting Bug

Two special programs designed to bite your children with the acting bug! From the fabulous Carol Zombro of Fancy Pants Theater.

For preschoolers with a caregiver:

Thursdays, July 2, 9, 23, 30,
10:15 am, WSQ

August 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:15 am, CEN

We will explore the very basic element of theater – pretend play! Using a combination of songs, stories, and games, we will stir up those imaginations, tuning our social skills, and most importantly... playing. For ages 3-6 with a caregiver.

For Grades 1-5:

Thursdays, July 2, 9, 23, 30, 11 am, WSQ

August 6, 13, 20, 27, 11 am, CEN

We'll focus on play, using songs, stories, and games, while adding elements of script writing and producing. Each session will end with a short performance based on our weekly book selections. Caregivers welcome!



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Where's Waldo Visits Storytime, Family

Fri, July 10, 10:30 am, CEN

Meet Waldo at storytime and search for paper Waldos in the library! During the month of July, hunt for Waldo in all of our KPL locations and at other locations in Kalamazoo! This program is part of a hunt for Waldo, led by independent bookstore, Bookbug. For more information on how to search for Waldo in Kalamazoo this July, visit Bookbug, a KPL service desk, or look for the Waldo logo around town!

M KIA Preschool Art and Stories, Ages 3-6

Mondays, July 13, July 27, August 3,
August 17, 10:30 am, CEN,

Storytime and picture-book inspired art for preschoolers and a caregiver.

M R Rollercoasters with the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Ages 6-11

Mon, July 13, 2 & 3 pm, CEN

Discover science by building rollercoasters in this workshop with the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Registration required.

T Rockin' Rovers, Family

Mon, July 20, 2pm, OSH

Thurs, August 20, 2pm, WSQ
Back by popular demand, the dancing dogs from the West Michigan Canine Connection will be performing a freestyle routine. Space limited. FREE ticket required.

M Maker Program

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

M Squishy Circuits, Ages 6-11

Tues, July 21, 2pm, EAS

Drop in and play with conductive dough and LEDs. Can you complete the circuit and light up your play-dough creation?

T Bats in the Library, Ages 6-11

Wed, July 22, 2 pm, POW

Meet and learn about live bats, including a Vampire Bat, from the Organization for Bat Conservation in Bloomfield Hills. Space limited. FREE ticket required.



KPL's 4th Annual Lego Building Contest, All Ages

Saturdays, August 1,

10 am-5 pm, OSH

August 8, 9 am-5 pm, CEN

Enter your original Lego creations in the KPL Lego Building Contest. Two chances to participate this summer! Be creative, have fun, and win great prizes! The whole family can enter the contest! Entries accepted during open hours the day before. Creations will be on display for public voting on Saturday. Winners announced Monday after each event. Official contest details and rules are available at www.kpl.gov/lego.



T Wildlife Safari, Family

Mon, July 27, 10:30 am, OSH

Mon, July 27, 1 pm, POW

A wildlife safari at the library! Get close to live, wild animals in this exciting program! Space limited. Pick up FREE ticket at location.

Explore Chinese Culture

Family

Sat, August 1, 10 am-noon, CEN

Explore Chinese culture with the Kalamazoo Chinese School. Participants have the opportunity to make crafts, learn to play traditional Chinese games, and watch a demonstration of play with a diabolo, also known as a Chinese Yo-Yo. All ages welcome.

Curious Kids, Family

Tues, August 4, 2-4 pm, OSH

Mon, August 17, 2-4 pm, POW

Hands-on activities, face painting, and the bubble chamber with Curious Kids Museum.

M Maker Project, All Ages

Tues, August 18, 3-4 pm, WSQ

Drop in to tinker, create, make, and explore. We are all makers! Project lists available on our online calendar at www.kpl.gov

Hens for Friends with Illustrator Amelia Hansen

All Ages

Tues, August 18, 6:30 pm, CEN

Meet Illustrator Amelia Hansen, hear some stories, and draw at this drop-in program.

storytimes

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers.

Siblings may attend as guests.

Preschool Storytime,

Ages 3½-5

Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

10:30 am, CEN,

Stories, songs, and activities for preschoolers and their caregivers.

Special Father's Day Storytime

Fri, June 19, 10:30 am CEN

Celebrate Father's Day by bringing your child to a very special storytime honoring the important role fathers play in promoting literacy and continuous learning.

Toddler Storytime, Ages 2-3

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28

10:30 am, CEN

Songs, movement, and stories for 2- and 3-year-olds.

Baby Lapsit, Birth-Pre-walkers

Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25

9:30 am, CEN,

Songs, bounces, and rhymes for babies from birth to walking with their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Baby Steps,

Walkers-24 months

Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25

10:30 am, CEN

Rhymes, songs, and books, for little ones from walking to 24 months and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Musical Storytime

Mondays, June 29, July 27

6:30 pm, CEN

Favorite songs, stories, and special guests with Mr. Bill.

Yoga for Kids and Caregivers

Thurs, June 4, 10:30 am, OSH

Wed, June 24, 10:30 am, POW

Thurs, July 9, 10:30 am, EAS

Mon, July 13, 10:30 am, CEN

Thurs, August 6, 2 pm, WSQ

Let's move together! We'll read stories and pair them with yoga poses kids will love. Wear comfortable clothing. Yoga mats or a towel welcome but not required. For kids of all ages and a caregiver.

Family Storytime

Stories and activities designed for birth-5.

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, POW

June 3, 10, 17, 24

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

August 5, 12, 19, 26

Thursdays, 10:30 am, EAS & OSH

June 4, 11, 18, 25

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

August 6, 13, 20, 27

Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN

June 5, 12, 19, 26 (Not July 3)

July 10, 17, 24, 31

August 7, 14, 21, 28





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Director's Note

It is summer reading time, as it has been for at least 95 years at KPL!



We can trace summer reading initiatives at KPL back to 1920. That first summer program was a list of 20 books listed in a *Kalamazoo Gazette* article from July 11, 1920, titled "Vacation Reading Course for Kiddies Mapped Out at the Library." School-age children were expected to read 20 books. Like now, teachers in 1920 hoped "Boys and girls won't forget what a book looks like from failure to do any reading during vacation time."

It is 95 years later and we are still promoting the importance of summer reading, but not proscribing a list of specific titles.

Summer reading has expanded to include all ages, from babies (read to by their parents and caregivers) to seniors. We updated the name from Summer Reading Games to Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme, "Read Like a Hero," is full of fun programs and activities to support reading. The challenge is to keep kids reading all summer long.

Summer Reading Challenge

Research shows that kids lose an average of 25% of their reading skills over the summer, in addition to significant losses in math and other areas. As a result, teachers spend three

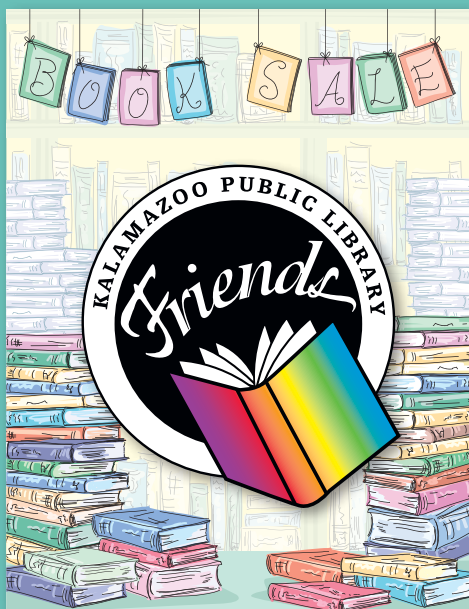
to six weeks at the beginning of the school year, reviewing the previous year's material.

Summer Community Challenge

Our community's challenge for this summer is to keep kids reading. Adults need to model reading and sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge along with their kids. The challenge kicks off on June 1 and runs through August 28.

Are you up to the challenge?

Ann Rohrbaugh
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Bag-of-Books Sale - Saturday, June 6

The Bag-of-Books Sale is the best deal in town for book lovers. Great selection at an amazing price! You can fill a grocery-size bag full of books and pay only \$2.00! This annual sale is our biggest sale of the year. It takes place the first Saturday in June during the June Jubilee weekend.

Here's the important information:

Saturday, June 6
Central Library, 315 S. Rose St.
(under the portico)
9 am – 3:30 pm

You're encouraged to bring your own sturdy reusable, grocery-bag size bag. We will also have bags available.

There will be more than 10,000 items! You will find:

- fiction & mystery
- romance
- science fiction
- assorted nonfiction
- children's books
- audio books
- movies, music, and more

Call 553-7820 with questions.

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